

EUROPEA HAAG

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TRANSCRIPT RADIO INTERVIEW MR. MANSCHOLT 29-11-1958 (SEE OUR TELEX NR 566 DD 21-11-1958)

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ANSWERING QUESTIONS MR. MANSCHOLT, MENTIONING THE SIX MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, GAVE A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE TREATY. WHAT THE SIX COUNTRIES WANT TO DO, HE SAID, IS TO ESTABLISH THE UNIFICATION OF THEIR ECONOMIES. IN TWELVE YEARS TIME THERE SHOULD BE A FREE MOVEMENT OF GOODS WITHOUT TARIFFS OR OTHER BARRIERS OF TRADE, OF CAPITAL AND - VERY IMPORTANT - OF PEOPLE, SO THAT THEY ARE FREE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MANAGEMENT AND LABOUR IN ANY COUNTRY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. THE TREATY BECAME EFFECTIVE ON THE 1ST OF JANUARY 1958, BUT, MR. MANSCHOLT SAID, IT WILL OF COURSE TAKE TIME TO DEVELOP OUR PLANS. IN THIS RESPECT THE 1st OF JANUARY, 1959 IS A VERY IMPORTANT DATE. ON THAT DATE THE TARIFFS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES WILL GO DOWN WITH 10 PER CENT, AND QUOTAS ARE TO BE INCREASED. WE SHALL GO ON IN THAT DIRECTION, DOING AWAY TRADE BARRIERS SO THAT IN TWELVE YEARS WE SHALL HAVE A FREE MOVEMENT OF GOODS. WE SHALL HAVE TO WORK VERY HARD ON OUR AGRICULTURAL POLICY. WE CANNOT HAVE ANY LONGER SIX NATIONAL POLICIES. WE SHALL NEED SOME 3 TO 4 YEARS TO DEVELOP OUR PLANS AND IN 5 YEARS TIME THE GREATER PART OF ONE AGRICULTURAL POLICY WILL BE IN FORCE IN THE SIX COUNTRIES. I CAN BE QUITE CLEAR ON THE POINT THAT WE DO NOT WANT TO HAVE A CLOSED MARKET. WHAT THE SIX WANT IS TO HAVE AN OPEN MARKET, WE DO NOT WANT TO BE EXCLUSIVE, WE WANT BETTER TRADE RELATIONS WITH OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD. WE WANT TO GIVE OUR FARMERS SOME SECURITY BUT NOT IN THE FORM OF A PROTECTIONATE SYSTEM. WE DO NOT WANT A RESTRICTIVE MARKET. WILL IT BECOME MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE UNITED STATES TO ENTER THE EUROPEAN MARKET? THAT DEPENDS ON THE TRADE RELATIONS TO BUILD UP, IT IS A QUESTION OF RECIPROCITY.

QUESTIONS WERE ASKED TO MR. MANSCHOLT BY MR. H.H. ALP, DIRECTOR OF

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MARKET DEVELOPMENT OF THE AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION IN PRESENCE OF MR. GEORGE DIETZ, DIRECTOR OF FARM BUREAU FOREIGN TRADE OFFICE. MR. MANSCHOLT ASKED MR. DIETZ WHAT WERE HIS PLANS AND WHAT WERE THE INTENTIONS OF HIS ROTTERDAM OFFICE. MR. DIETZ REPLIED THAT THE INTENTION WAS TO PROMOTE AND DEVELOP THE EUROPEAN MARKET FOR AMERICAN COMMODITIES AND ALSO TO OBSERVE THE NEW EUROPEAN MARKET ARRANGEMENTS. HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO STIMULATE AFFAIRS SO AS TO KEEP THE MARKET BOTH WAYS OPEN.

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